Restart School Model

Newly Eligible Schools

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State Authority

The origins of today's Restart Model can be found in a 2010 law passed by the General Assembly titled Reform of continually low-performing school designation

Low Performing School Designation

• A school that received a school performance grade of a D or F and a school growth score of "met expected growth" or "not met expected growth" as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15

Continually Low Performing School Designation

 A school that has received State-mandated assistance and has been designated by the State Board as low performing for at least two of the last three consecutive years



State Authority

- The law (§ 115C-105.37B) authorized the State Board of Education to allow "the local board of education to operate the school with the same exemptions from statutes and rules as a charter school..."
- In addition, the law states that a "school operated under this subdivision remains under the control of the local board of education..."
- In March 2016, the State Board of Education approved a new policy specifically tied to the 2010 law designed to help schools identified as continually low-performing
- The models defined in both law and policy included the Restart Model



Current WCPSS Restart Designated Schools

In May 2016: 2 schools	In December 2016: 10 more schools scheduled to use the Restart Model in 2017-2018	In March 2018: 7 more schools to scheduled to use the Restart Model in 2018-2019
 Barwell Road Elementary Walnut Creek Elementary 	 Bugg Magnet Elementary Carroll Magnet Middle East Garner Elementary East Garner Magnet Middle East Millbrook Middle East Wake Middle Fox Road Magnet Elementary Millbrook Elementary Poe GT/AIG Basics Magnet Elementary Wendell Middle 	 Baileywick Road Elementary Green Elementary Lake Myra Elementary Lincoln Heights Elementary Smith Elementary Wilburn Elementary Knightdale High

Important Notation: The 6 schools highlighted in green above are no longer designated as low-performing.



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For Board Approval Spring 2019

Six Elementary Schools:

- Beaverdam
- Creech Road
- Forestville Road
- Powell
- Timber Drive
- Wendell



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Areas of Flexibility Utilized To Date

- Calendar changes
- Alternative evaluation processes
- Converted TA positions to reduce class size where applicable
- K-3 class size flexibility
- Alternative grading system
- Captured money from vacancies to support school goals
 - Fund leadership positions
 - Transportation to provide additional instructional opportunities
 - Tutoring
 - Summer School with retesting



Exemptions Implemented

Restart Schools are exempt from some requirements that low-performing designated schools with a D or F grade must follow

- Not required to send letters home explaining what the D or F means
- Not required to change school improvement plans
- Not required to implement the "super observation" process
- Not required to have the principal status/remediation plan reviewed by the Board



Support

Statewide Support

NCTIP (The Innovation Project)

District Support

- Beth Hodge
- Area Superintendent
- Area Special Assistant
- Donna Moore, Budget
- Human Resources (depends on need)
- Central Services staff as necessary



New Process

Summer 2019

Approval Process

- Planning vs. immediate implementation
- Local BOE
- State BOE



2019-2020

Planning

- Principals with school teams
- Area Superintendents
- Special Assistants
- Other relevant Central Services staff
- NCStar (School Improvement)
- Proposed Budget



Implementation

- On-going collaborative support
- Progress monitor





Questions



